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SUBJ: CIVAIR - UK PRELISTING REQUIREMENT ON AFFINITY
CHARTERS

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1. DURING NOVEMBER BILATERAL CHARTER TALKS (REFTEL), UKDEL PRESENTED RATHER CONFUSED PICTURE OF HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF UK'S AFFINITY CHARTER PRELISTING REQUIREMENT. TO TRY AND CLARIFY SITUATION WE HAVE HAD FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH DTI OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTERING CHARTER LICENSING. HOWEVER, PICTURE STILL IS NOT A VERY CLEAR ONE. EVIDENTLY PRELISTING CONCEPT ADOPTED ON AD HOC BASIS IN JANUARY 1973 TO DEAL WITH "DODGEY AFFINITY GROUPS AND FAST-DEALING CHARTER OPERATORS. AT FIRST, WHEN CERTAIN AIRLINES APPLIED FOR CHARTER FLIGHT PERMIT TO CARRY AFFINITY GROUP OR GROUPS WHICH HAD HISTORY OF INCLUDING INELIGIBLE PASSENGERS, DTI DIRECTED CARRIER TO SUPPLY 100 PER CENT ADVANCE LIST OF PASSENGERS MINIMUM OF 7 DAYS BEFORE FLIGHT. BY APRIL 1973, DTI, SATISFIED THAT PRELISTING WAS USEFUL TOOL TO REDUCE NUMBER OF "BENT" AFFINITIES OPERATING, STARTED APPLYING REQUIREMENT ON VIRTUALLY ALL AFFINITY CHARTERS. NO RULE WAS ISSUED. WHEN DTI RECEIVED APPLICATION THE REQUIRED 20 WORKING DAYS BEFORE FLIGHT WAS TO TAKE PLACE, IT CABLED BACK TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CARRIER THAT A 100 PER CENT PASSENGER LIST WOULD HAVE

TO BE FILED SEVEN DAYS IN ADVANCE OF THE FLIGHT.
THIS PRELISTING SYSTEM LASTED UNTIL AUGUST 1973 WHEN
THE CAA IMPLEMENTED RULE REQUIRING BRITISH CARRIERS TO
PRELIST 80 PER CENT OF THEIR AFFINITY PASSENGERS 25
DAYS IN ADVANCE. DTI DID NOT LIKE 80 PER CENT/25 DAY
RULE BUT FELT COMPELLED TO ADOPT IT FOR FOREIGN CARRIERS
AS WELL.

2. DTI CLAIMS IT RECEIVED NO COMPLAINTS FROM CARRIERS
WHEN IT INSTITUTED ORIGINAL PRELISTING REQUIREMENT.
ACCORDING DTI, SOME CARRIERS WELCOMED NEW REQUIREMENT
BECAUSE IT PLACED THEM IN A STRONGER POSITION FOR
DEALING WITH CORNER-CUTTING CHARTERERS. WE WOULD POINT
OUT THAT NO US CARRIER EVER COMPLAINED TO EMBASSY
ABOUT ORIGINAL PRELISTING REQUIREMENT NOR ARE WE
AWARE OF ANY COMPLAINTS REGISTERED WITH WASHINGTON
AGENCIES.

3. CLEARLY, IMPORTANT FEATURE OF ORIGINAL DTI REQUIRE-
MENT WHICH MADE IT PALATABLE TO CARRIERS WAS FLEXIBLE
MANNER IN WHICH DTI OFFICIALS HANDLED SUBSTITUTIONS
FROM ADVANCE LIST. CHANGES WERE ACCEPTED UP TO LAST
MINUTE PROVIDED AIRLINE COULD OFFER REASONABLE
EXPLANATION FOR CHANGES REQUESTED. DTI OFFICIAL
RESPONSIBLE FOR AFFINITY CHARTERS (THOMPSON) STATES THAT
IT WOULD BE HIS INTENTION TO HANDLE SUBSTITUTIONS
UNDER CURRENT 100 PER CENT/30 DAY PRELIST REQUIREMENT
IN SAME LIBERAL MANNER PROVIDED HIS ABILITY TO DO SO
NOT "BOXED-IN" BY WRITTEN ASSURANCES /US IS REQUESTING ON
ADMINISTRATION OF 100 PER CENT/30 DAY RULE. THOMPSON
IN EFFECT IS SAYING THAT US WOULD BE BETTER OFF
WITHOUT WRITTEN ASSURANCES FROM //K. JUDGING FROM
ABSENCE OF COMPLAINTS IN PAST, HE MAY BE RIGHT.

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